1	2	3
16	Tamil Nadu Including Pondicherry	12289
17	Uttar Pradesh	20485
18	West Bengal Including Sikkim & A & N Islands . . .	4283
	TOTAL:	163655

Instaflation telephone connection

2. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the course open when a person who has booked a telephone connection with the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited does not get the same installed on being sanctioned on his turn;

(b) what is the procedure when the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited does not inform the person who has booked a telephone and shifted somewhere else of which he informs the Nigam in writing but a telephone connection is sanctioned at the old address.

(c) the reasons for charging rent for safe custody and the steps taken to amend the rules that permit the charging of the rent from the people; and

(d) the justification thereof and the reasons for not passing that connection to the person next in the queue and to release a connection in the name of the subscriber who opts for that subsequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, If a person, who has booked a telephone with Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, does not get the same installed on being sanctioned on his turn, he can opt to keep the telephone under safe custody of MTNL.

(b) The person, who has informed Nigam in writing about shifting to new address, will normally be intimated the new registration number in the new exchange. If he fails to receive the new registration number, he may approach the concerned Commercial Officer of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. The applicant will be sanctioned a telephone at his new address when his turn matures in the exchange area of his new address.

(c) and (d) The department has done planning and incurred expenditure on external plant to provide a telephone connection to the applicant. If the applicant does not opt for the telephone connection immediately and wants to avail the same after some period, there is a provision for keeping the telephones under safe custody. The Department levies charges for sofe custody for that period as per rules. In general a cable pair planned to be provided at the address of one customer will not be utilisable for another address.

Misuse of telephone lines by companies

3. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases of misuse of telephone lines by certain companies in the city with the connivance of linemen have recently come to light;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the revenue loss suffered by Government as a result thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four cases of misuse of telephone lines by certain private companies in Delhi were detected. The misuse was done in connivance with the officials of Delhi Telephones (MTNL). Disciplinary action against these officials has been initiated.

Attempts have been made to realise the defrauded amount from these companies. Out of these one company has paid the full bill. In second case, the company has paid partial payment but for the subsequent bill, they have-gone to the Court. The other companies have disputed the bills raised by the MTNL and have gone to the Court straightaway. The matter is sub-judice and MTNL is defending the bills raised by them.

(c) Out of total bills of Rs. 52,76,619 raised in the 4 cases mentioned in (b) above, Rs. 10,99,685 has been realised. The balance amount will be realised as per decision of the Hon'ble Court.

(d) As in (b) and (c) above.

Experience for private Sector entry in Telecom Service

4. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prescribed minimum experience of operating a telecom network of 5 lakh lines for the submission of tender for private sector entry in telecom service;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for prescribing this condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government does not have this data.

(c) This condition has been prescribed to ensure that quality of telecom services provided by the private operator is of world standard as per the objectives of National Telecom. Policy, 1994.

Inquiry Report on Tapping of Telephones of MPs

5. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: :

(a) whether Government have since received Central Bureau of Investigation's inquiry report on the tapping of telephones of Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date on which it was received; and

(c) The details of the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Sir, it is presumed that the Hon'ble MP is referring to earlier RSSQ No. 202 for 16-05-90 regarding inquiry into phone tapping. The Department has fulfilled the assurance on 08-05-91 vide copy enclosed as statement. (*See* below). The CBI had submitted its report. The same was handed over to Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha which was looking into the question of tapping of telephones.

(c) The Department has no further information in the matter.